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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

Taruo Kaneko

**Serial No.:** 09/987,459

**Group Art Unit:** 2874

**Filed:** November 14, 2001

**Examiner:** Wong, Eric K.

**For:** ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRADING WITH OPTICAL INPUT AND OUTPUT  
CHARACTERISTICS SETTABLE TO DESIRED VALUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.